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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

To provide some personal feedback during this 60-day public comment period, in my opinion it's about time that the government reached a settlement in its case against Microsoft. I feel the legal action should never have begun in the first place, and the Justice Department should stop wasting tax money on this issue.

America was built by people who worked hard to be successful and make money at their businesses, and the government should not try and stop them. Microsoft built themselves from the ground up by making a better product at a fair price, which has left their competitors desperate enough to push for this legal action. By agreeing to several terms to encourage a more dynamic marketplace, Microsoft has surpassed even the government's complaints about their business practices. With an objective group of experts to monitor implementation of the plan, there should no longer be a need to bring this dispute into the legal system.

Our federal and state governments have better things to spend their money on than pursuing this case any further. Please let Microsoft get back to developing great products without distraction and the government to get back to dealing with the real needs of protecting national security. Thank you for your support.

Please know that I have been a Microsoft user for about 14 years and they have provided a very user friendly product at a reasonable price. Microsoft Word exceeds the competition in quality and price. Please stop this action which will only hurt the consumer. The cost of this case far exceeds the cost of many good projects and is only a punishment for the business community who are the real providers of jobs in America.

Sincerely,

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